Filling up of post of D.G. in AIR

3301. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in the "Sunday Observer" on 26th July, 1992 in regard to the filling up of the post of D.G. of AIR;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any enquiry was conducted; and

(d) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) the Government has seen the report titled "Mandi House fears an IAS invasion published in Sunday Observer dated the 26th July, 1992. This report does not relate to filling up the post of Director General, All India Radio.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Coverage of Andhra Pradesh's anti-alcohal agitation on television

3302. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that policy of the Government is to discourage consumption of alcohal; and

(b) if so, what is the total weekly coverage of news and other programmes in regard to the anti-alcohal agitation of Andhra Pradesh in T.V. and AIR on national and regional net work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Such information is not maintained centrally in a compiled form.

Morning broadcast of urdu service of All India Radio

3303. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that early morning at 5.45 a.m. 'Urdu Service Broadcasting from All India Radio begins with singing of' Naat Kawwali and ghazals, whereas all programme from AIR and Akashwani start with 'Vande Mataram'; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The Urdu service broadcast at 5.45 A.M. is part of the External Service of All India Radio. All the services of All India Radio for foreign audiences, including Urdu Service do not start with 'Vande Mataram' However, on the Republic Day and Independence Day, these services start with 'Vande Mataram'.

Production of feature films

3304. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of feature films that were produced in India by foreign producers during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of co-